'Production cooperation' agreement between India and Soviet Union

1483. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the need to balance 'Production cooperation' agreements between the Soviet Union and India was highlighted by the Soviet Consul for Economic Affairs during his recent visit;

(b) if so, whether he has also pointed out various obstacles in the way of Indo-Soviet economic cooperation that is required to be sorted out;

(c) whether the Soviet Union has impressed upon India that steps should be taken to utilise the volume of total production flows between the two countries; and

(d) whether any concrete formula in this regard has been reached; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) During the visit of the Soviet delegation in June 1988 led by the Head of Department USSR State Planning Committee, problems like delayed response and delay in furnishing technical inputs from Soviet side, balancing etc. affecting progress of production cooperation in machire building sector between India and the USSR were discussed. Representatives of Soviet Counsellor for Economic Affairs in India also participated in these discussions.

(c) and (d) Both Indian and Soviet sides appreciated that production cooperation in machine building sector offers potential to increase the volume of flows between the two countries. It was agreed that a more flexible approach to the problem of balancing and quicker response time will expedite the process further.

Sale of imported Insecticides by HIL

1484. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the insecticides, fungicides, etc. which the Hindustan Insecticides Limited imported for other companies during the last three years, product-wise and company-wise and on what terms including commission/service charges;

(b) whether it is a fact that the HIL is importing and selling such banned products which other companies could not import on nominal service charges; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the HIL is not importing for itself and is importing for blacklisted companies which are selling these products at a margin of two hundred percent; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take to stop such practice?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Technical grade material imported by HIL is to be formulated, packed and then sold. Items for which HIL is not having recipe/registration etc., formulation cannot be undertaken by them, and, therefore, those technical materials are sold to the formulators who possess valid CIB Registration Certificates and Manufacturing Licences and who can formulate the material.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Year	Name	Qty. imported	Sold to
1985-86	Decamethrin Tech	500 kgs.	M/s. Evid & Co. Posticides on High Sea Sale basis.
1986-87	Decamethrin Tech	6.75 MT	M/s. Evid & Co. on High Sea Sale basis.
		3.25 MT	M/s. Coramandal Indag. on High Sea Sale basis.
		10,00 MT	
	Round-up	9,960 KL	HIL sold the material at the prices fixed by Commerce Ministry.
	Allistts 80% wp	10,000 MT	M/s. Suraksha Chemicals & Engineers on High Sea Sale basis.
1987-88	Allistts 80% wp	10,000 MT	M/s. Suraksha Chemicals on High Sea Sale basis.
	Bitertanol 25% wp	5,000 MT	Do.
	Decamethrin Tech	3.5 MT 0.5 MT	M/s. Evid & Co and M/s. Coramandal Indag. on High Sale basis.
			HIL charged 3% service charges from the parties who were sold material on High Sea Sale basis.

Compensation to the victims of Bhopal gas disaster

1485. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had urged the Bhopal District Courts in June last to restrain Union Carbide Corporation from reaching any compromise or settlement with the private plaintiffs in the Bhopal gas leak disaster cases;

(b) what compensation has so far been provided to the gas victims;

(c) what is the total number of victims who have not yet been provided with any compensation either by the U.C.C. or by the Central Government;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the gas victims' financial position is so bad that they are on the verge of death; and

(e) if so, what measures are being considered to give financial or other aid to all the gas victims in the State at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.